

SB 5174 - H AMD 507

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1 On page 1, line 6, after "(1)" insert "Article I, section 32 of
2 the Washington State Constitution says: "A frequent recurrence to
3 fundamental principles is essential to the security of individual
4 right and the perpetuity of free government." These fundamental
5 principles include the inherent dignity of the individual, the
6 equality of all humankind, and the primacy of liberty.

7 (2) The original and philosophical underpinnings of our
8 foundational civic values as Americans are based on the recognition
9 of self-evident moral truths as articulated in the writings of our
10 nation's founders and of those who followed them. These
11 foundational civic values include the basic ideals that all
12 political power is inherent in the people, that governments derive
13 their just powers from the consent of the governed, that governments
14 are established to protect and maintain individual rights, that we
15 are a government of laws rather than the arbitrary will of those in
16 power, and that each individual is equal before the law.

17 (3) The civil rights movement presents a significant,
18 contemporary example of humankind's struggle to assert fundamental
19 moral truths in the face of illegitimate laws and practices of those
20 in power."
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22 On page 1, at the beginning of line 10, strike "(2)" and insert
23 "(4)"
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25 On page 1, line 11, after "as" insert "Benjamin Franklin,
26 Richard Bassett, John Quincy Adams, Charles Sumner, Frederick
27 Douglass, Abraham Lincoln,"

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2 On page 1, at the beginning of line 16, strike "(3)" and insert
3 "(5)"

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5 On page 2, line 8, after "including" strike "providing" and
6 insert ":

7 (1) The fundamental principles and philosophical underpinnings
8 of human rights, liberties, and obligations, and the foundational
9 civic values derived from them;

10 (2) America's founding documents and significant milestones that
11 are essential to understanding the character and world view of
12 America's founders and the proponents of limitations on illegitimate
13 power throughout our past; and

14 (3) Providing"

EFFECT: Adds legislative findings to the intent section that:

- Fundamental principles referred to in the Washington Constitution include the inherent dignity of the individual, equality of humankind, and primacy of liberty;
- Foundational civic values of Americans are based on self-evident moral truths, including that all political power is inherent in the people, governments derive their powers from the consent of the governed, governments are established to protect individual rights, we are a government of laws rather than arbitrary will of those in power, and each individual is equal before the law; and
- The civil rights movement presents a contemporary example of humankind's struggle to assert moral truths in the face of illegitimate laws and practices of those in power.

Lists additional heroes of the civil rights movement: Benjamin Franklin, Richard Bassett, John Quincy Adams, Charles Sumner, Frederick Douglass, and Abraham Lincoln.

Adds to the program topics that school districts are encouraged to provide in the commemoration of the history of civil rights:

- The fundamental principles and philosophical underpinnings of human rights, liberties, and obligations; and
- America's founding documents and milestones that are essential to understanding the world view of America's founders and proponents of limitations on illegitimate power.

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